
HOUSE BILL No. 1059

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-62.5; IC 9-21-16.

Synopsis: Enforcement of fire lane restrictions. Defines "fire lane" for purposes of the law concerning motor vehicles. Specifies the way in which an area may be designated a fire lane. Allows a law enforcement agency to appoint volunteers to issue complaints and summonses for stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a fire lane. Allows a county, city, or town to adopt and enforce an ordinance that regulates stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle in a fire lane if the ordinance does not conflict with state law.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-62.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 62.5. (a) "Fire lane", for purposes of IC 9-21-16-5.5,**
4 **means an area that is:**

5 **(1) located within twelve (12) feet of:**

6 **(A) a building that:**

7 **(i) is occupied for commercial, professional, religious, or**
8 **any other purpose; and**

9 **(ii) is not a building that is intended for use as a dwelling**
10 **for one (1) or two (2) families; or**

11 **(B) a sidewalk immediately adjacent to or attached to a**
12 **building; and**

13 **(2) designated as a fire lane under IC 9-21-16-5.5(c).**

14 **(b) The term includes an alley.**

15 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-16-5.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) This section**
17 **applies to a fire lane that is located on property that is privately or**



publicly owned.

(b) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a fire lane.

(c) This section may be enforced by any of the following law enforcement officers:

(1) A state police officer.

(2) A city, town, or county police officer.

(3) A sheriff.

(c) A fire lane must be marked with the words "No Parking Fire Lane" in white letters and a stripe of at least four (4) inches in width, in conformance with the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The words and stripe must be placed twelve (12) feet from the sidewalk, curb, or building. The words "No Parking Fire Lane" must be positioned between the stripe and the sidewalk, curb, or building.

(d) This section does not prohibit a county, city, or town from adopting and enforcing an ordinance that regulates stopping, standing, and parking motor vehicles in a fire lane. The ordinance may authorize any member of a particular volunteer fire department or any member of the county's, city's, or town's fire department to enforce the ordinance.

(e) An ordinance adopted under subsection (d) may not conflict with this section.

(f) A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce:

(1) subsection (b); or

(2) an ordinance adopted under subsection (d);

may appoint volunteers to issue complaints and summonses for violations of subsection (b) or an ordinance adopted under subsection (d).

(g) To issue complaints and summonses, a volunteer appointed under subsection (f) must:

(1) be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

(2) complete a course of instruction concerning the enforcement of this chapter that is conducted by the appointing law enforcement agency;

(3) after successfully completing the course of instruction, obtain a certificate from the executive authority of the appointing law enforcement agency; and

(4) satisfy any other qualifications established by the law enforcement agency.

(h) The executive authority of a law enforcement agency that appoints volunteers under subsection (f) shall file a copy of each certificate issued under subsection (g)(3) with the prosecuting

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attorney having jurisdiction over the area served by the law enforcement agency.

(i) A complaint and summons issued by a volunteer appointed under subsection (f) has the same force and effect as a complaint and summons issued by a law enforcement officer for the same violation.

(j) A volunteer appointed under subsection (f) does not have powers of a law enforcement officer, except those powers granted under this section.

(k) The executive authority of a law enforcement authority that appoints a volunteer under subsection (f) may, at any time, revoke the certificate issued to the volunteer under subsection (g)(3). If a certificate is revoked under this subsection:

(1) the executive authority shall notify the prosecuting attorney with whom the certificate was filed under subsection (h) of the revocation; and

(2) the volunteer's powers under this section terminate immediately upon the revocation.

(l) A volunteer appointed under subsection (f) may not issue a complaint and summons upon private property unless the law enforcement agency that appointed the volunteer first receives permission from the property owner or the property manager.

(m) A property owner is not liable for property damage or personal injury resulting from the actions of a volunteer appointed under subsection (f) issuing a complaint and summons.

SECTION 3. IC 9-21-16-5.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 5.7.** A person enforcing this chapter may issue a complaint and summons for a violation of section 5.5(b) of this chapter or an ordinance adopted under section 5.5(d) of this chapter on a form other than the forms described in IC 9-30-3-6. However, the complaint must comply with the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure.

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